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MECHANISM

Response to Restriction Requirement/Species Election Without Traverse

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In response to the restriction requirement mailed July 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims to be prosecuted by way of the present application. That is, Applicants elect claims 1 - 21 for prosecution in the present application.

In response to the species election, Applicants elect species A as depicted in Figures 1, 2, and 8. Claims 1 - 10 and claims 18 - 21 are readable on the elected species.

This election is made **without traverse**. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application(s).

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